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Editorial.

The Echoes gives Easter greetings to its readers. It seems such a short time since we were wishing our friends Christmas compliments and so smoothly has the wheel turned, that we are almost startled to see that we have come to another stopping place. A perusal of our pages will perhaps enlighten our readers as to why the time has flown so quickly.

We would not like to exclude Spring from those to whom we give Easter greetings. The delight we have all experienced in seeing her coming so quietly but so swiftly, would hardly warrant that. It was but a few days ago, when stern winter was holding sway and his feet seemed so firmly staid that we were hardly ready to welcome Spring, her conquest was so swift and sure. And now we are well launched in the season of resurrection, trying to learn the day's lessons faithfully, that when the season closes again, unawares, we may know the season's lessons also.

EDITOR.

The O. L. C. Echoes makes it's bow to readers and friends as a quarterly issue. It is hoped that former students will rejoice that there is an opportunity of making use of this link, to bind them closer to the school life of "other days."

Such cannot fail to be *en rapport* to some degree with the interests of to-day. Yearly subscription 50c. Single copies 15c.

Young people starting out in life should have a definite purpose. There is stimulus, strength and companionship in a great purpose. It makes failures but mere incidents on the march. There is a wondrous unifying of energy that comes from the determination to reach a point set far in advance. Every day is then lived in harmony with that purpose. Each successive day shows new progress, slight though it may be; new conquest of obstacle, new strengthening of habit, new miracles of turning the water of weakness into the wine of power. Then the weeks become white milestones on the road to realization. All nature stands aside for the person of mighty purpose.

Let us ask ourselves the question: "What is my purpose? What am I living for? Is it worth living for? Is it as high an aim as I should have? What should I sacrifice to attain it?" This purpose should not be mere success in the world—that, in itself, is not enough for a true purpose. What do you intend to do for the world with your enlarged opportunities? The supreme test of a great purpose, the final test, is not "What can I get?" but "What can I give?" Christ reached Calvary, but he gave—salvation.

SYNOPSIS OF THE COLLEGE HISTORY.

Owing to the apparent lack of statistics by the students of the history of this venerable institution, we are taking the liberty of inserting in our columns a short sketch of it as written by Dr. Armstrong, the President of the College.

"The Ottawa Ladies' College had its inception at a meeting in the City Hall, Ottawa, in July, 1869. At this meeting, the Mayor, John Rochester, Esq., presided. There were present a number of the leading citizens: J. B. Lewis, Dr. Sweetland, J. Bronson, E. B. Eddy, J. M. Currier, G. M. Rose, Rev. Dr. Moore and others. The meeting was called to consider the propriety of establishing in the City of Ottawa an institution for the higher education of young women, under sound Protestant religious principles. At that time the need for such an institution was keenly felt in Eastern Ontario; for lack of it many Protestant parents felt constrained to send their daughters to convent schools for the advantages they desired. It was unanimously resolved that an attempt should be made; a subscription list was opened, and several thousand dollars subscribed on the spot. An Act of Incorporation was secured in December the same year.

The College was organized as a Protestant school, and was opened September, 1872, the Rev. John Laing, M A., afterwards pastor of Dundas, Ontario, being first Principal. The enterprise owed much of its success to the Rev. Dr. Moore, then pastor of Bank Street Church. In 1879 the Board of Directors applied for and received the recognition of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and in 1888, the Assembly authorized the Board of French Evangelization to purchase the college for the purpose of developing it into an English-French school in connection with the mission. From 1889 to 1897 it continued under the auspices of the board as Coligny College. The number of young women of French origin who took advantage of the education thus offered was comparatively limited. It was, therefore, deemed better that it should revert to its original design.

In 1892, the college was transferred by the Assembly to a Board of Trustees, to be carried on for the higher education of young women, under wholesome, religious and social influences, and is the only institution of that kind solely owned and controlled by the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Its graduates are to be found everywhere throughout the Dominion of Canada and elsewhere, and by their influence in the church, in their homes, and in society amply vindicate the wisdom of those who brought it into existence, and the attention given to it by those who have since been called to manage its affairs."

We would like to add that the college has for more than two years been in co-operation with the Canadian Conservatory of Music. This fine building has been erected on ground formerly the property of the College and can therefore be approached in less than a minute, without leaving the lawn. The efficient staff of both the College and the Conservatory render an education here second to none on the continent.

Once more the heavenly power,
Makes all things new,
And domes the red-ploughed fields
With living blue,
The blackbirds have their will the throstles too.

The secret of happiness is not the size of one's purse, or the style of one's, house, or the number of butterfly friends; the fountain of peace and joy is in the heart.

Conversation is an art worth learning. Its keynote is unselfishness. To speak without trumpeting our opinions, and to listen without interrupting, are accomplishments which a selfish person finds difficult, but which must be learned before the charm of conversation commences.

In Memoriam.

The word has come to us that one of our number, a loved home member of our College for many years, has passed away. She has gone to that great school where "Christ himself doth rule." And so, we would pass on the message to all, that Margaret Ross, our Margaret, has been wanted by the Master and has answered to His call. Many years of her short life were spent within these walls, five years, —years that passed so quickly. We are thankful for them, every one of us,—we are better for them.

That loving, patient presence that always greeted us, so cheery and sympathetic,—kept in like her little bird, but such a sweet singer. How we missed her when she left us for a time!—how empty the room seemed! And so we would send our loving sympathy to her near and dear ones—their hearts will be strangely lonely without her. But we must send another also,—she has done so well, she has lived so bravely, she has fought a good fight. "Henceforth there is laid up for her a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give her at that day."

FAVOURITE SPOT (BUSH.)

COLLEGE NOTES.

PRINCIPAL GORDON.

Early this year, we had the pleasure of listening for a short time to Principal Gordon of Queens University. Although unable to give more than a brief address, the pleasure we had in listening to this learned gentleman lasted a long time.

Principal Gordon spoke about the education of to-day. He referred to the time when he went to school, when very few ladies went to College and those who had to be escorted to and from school by their fathers or brothers. We were surprised to learn that history had been introduced into our studies in very recent years. He dwelt on the advisability of every girl taking a course in the English subjects and thus making herself independent of a possibly, adverse future. We are looking forward to a time when Principal Gordon will again find time to pay us a visit.

A well direeted effort is being made towards the organization of an alumnal association; old pupils and graduates of the O. L. C. are to be found by the score everywhere. Success to all such efforts.

E. E. A.

A VISIT TO CEDAR SWAMP.

Many interesting visits have been made this winter by the O. L. C. girls to Cedar Swamp, to see the old couple who live there.

I have gone out once or twice and will try to tell you about my last visit. It was April 1st. Four of us were privileged to spend our afternoon this way and each with a parcel in our arms, left the College.

We took the car as far as we could then hurried along the muddy road, and were soon knocking at the door of the little brick house.

It was opened almost immediately by the old man who could see us through the glass in the door.

They both seemed very pleased to see us, and especially the old lady when she knew we could speak French, as that is her language. We read to them from the Bible in French. They sang for us, and then asked us to sing hymns for them.

The old lady in her spare time makes fish nets. She brought out one that she had made, for us to see. She also showed us how to make them, which was very interesting.

By this time it was near six o'clock, and time for us to leave. They told us not to hurry away, that it was not late, but we knew it was time for their supper and time for ours, so promising to come to see them again, we said good-bye.

They stood in the door and waved to us, till we were out of sight.

This is a visit, I think, which none of us will forget, when we leave the O. L. C.

G. T.

An excellent debate took place recently in II Senior Form on a live topic. "Resolved that from an educational standpoint, History is of more value than Mathematics." Mrs. Needham presided, Misses Wisdom and McQuesten, judges. Miss Gallaher may well be proud of her girls.

Affirmative,—Misses M. Douglas, M. Campbell and M. Graham. Negative,—Misses H. Kingston, I. Williams, E. Broadbent, A. Marsten.

While both sides were well maintained, the affirmative won.

The quarterly examinations are now in progress and many extra half hours are snatched from recreation to make sure of a good record on the terms report. We hear it whispered that the teachers are pleased with our work

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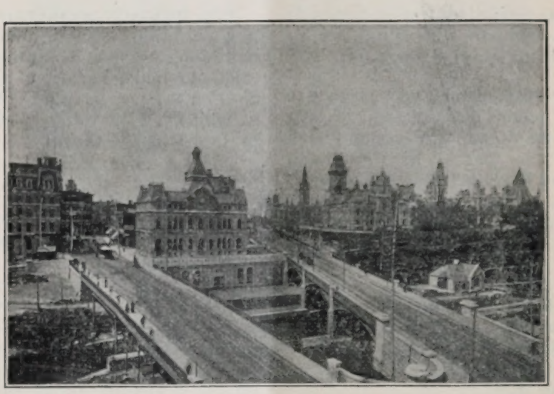
Scripture is one of the subjects which is by no means neglected. Since Christmas we have finished Paul's tours, the first two years of Christ's ministry and are now studying The Kingdoms of Judah and Israel, besides a great deal of memorizing. Drawing of maps is used largely in locating scriptural names, cities, etc.

On Sabbath evening, March 26, Rev. W. T. Herridge, D.D., preached a powerful sermon on the Educational question now engaging the attention of Canadians, in the North West particularly. The church, always filled, was taxed to its utmost capacity on this occasion. The Rev. gentleman carefully reviewed the whole question in its true light.

St. Patrick's day was fittingly observed by a luncheon given by Mrs. Needham and the Domestic Science class to a number of gentlemen. The invitations were sent out on a shamrock leaf and the menu card was on the form of a harp. The young ladies in the Domestic Science class, under their directress, Miss Gallup, waited upon the guests, who included Hon. F. T. Frost, Senator J. Ross, Walter Scott, M.P., Speaker Sutherland, House of Commons; Col. Sam. Hughes, R. J. Watson, M.P., Hon. Tatszgoro Nossi, Japanese Consul; Judge McTavish. Short witty speeches were made by some of the guests complimentary to the school and its friends.



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A VISIT TO THE EXPERIMENTAL FARM.

A number of the girls were entertained by Dr. and Mrs. Saunders at the "Farm" one bright Saturday afternoon. On their arrival they were taken by Dr. Saunders to see the farm. They returned to the house about half-past five, where supper was served at small tables, placed coveniently in the dining room and spacious hall. In the evening, a short programme was given by Mrs. G. Allan, Mr. Couen, Dr. C. Saunders, Mr. W. L. McKenzie King, assisted by a few of the girls. On the return to the College the girls voted Mrs. Saunders a perfect hostess.

Since the warm bright days have come there are no idle pianos in the mornings before breakfast.

One Friday evening in Jan. when work was over it was our privilege to be taken to the House of Commons. The debate on the Grand Trunk Pacific Bill was being carried on with much vehemence:—the question of Mr. Blair's resignation being then the chief point of discussion.

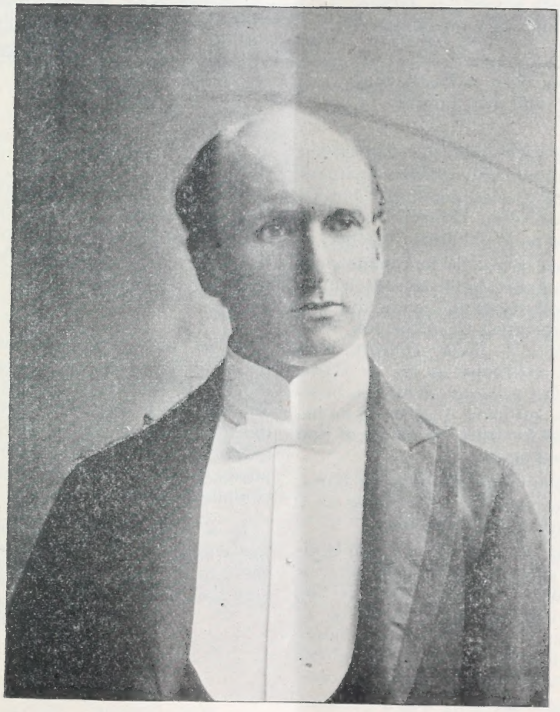
As we listened with much pleasure to the very able speeches of the gentlemen on both sides of the House, we did not tremble for the welfare of our country.

One of the most flourishing departments in the College is Miss Hume's two large art needlework classes. There will be an excellent display undoubtedly at the closing in June.

The Shakesperian class is busy preparing certain acts of "As you like it" for the final in June.

The common problem, yours, mine, every one's,
Is not to fancy what were fair in life,
Provided it could be; but finding first
What may be, then find how to make it fair
Up to our means.—*Robert Browning.*

ETHEL,—"Do you have to put a cent in the box if you only say half a sentence and then stop? If you do I am going to finish that sentence."



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MUSICAL DIRECTOR, CANADIAN CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC

MUSIC.

STEPHEN HELLER.

Is one whom most all the musical students are familiar with. His works are largely studied and very much appreciated.

He was born at Pesth, May 15, 1815 and died January 14, 1888.

While very young he showed his remarkable talent, which his parents greatly appreciated and sent him to Vienna to Anton Halm, then highly esteemed as a pianoforte teacher.

In these years he had made such rapid progress that he played in public several times at Vienna and two years afterwards he undertook, with his father, a great concert tour through Germany as far as Hamberg. On account of illness, however, he settled at Augesburg on his return till he became a man of ripe views and ability.

He then made his home in Paris, where he attained great fame as a concert-player and teacher.

Heller lacks the passion and boldness of character of Schumann, but rises above Mendelssohn in the choice, originality and character of his ideas. He differs from Chopin in that he displayed great Harmonic clearness and more pregnant rhymes.

Heller's specialty was a genuine, healthy, natural freshness. As a true poet he revels in fragrant woods and lonely fields.

M. W.

On February 20th, the Pittsburg Orchestra, one of the best on the continent was at the Russell Theatre. A number of the O L.C. girls had the privilege of hearing it. The programme was exceedingly fine, "Tannhauser Overture" being especially enjoyed.

G. T

JOACHIM RAFF.

Familiarly termed as "One of the most graceful writers among the lesser Gods of Music."

La Fileuse or the Spinners" is one of the most popular pieces in the College.

Of all the tone-poems of Raff, this fancy piece has the greatest currency. It well deserves this honor for the grace with which it is written, the pleasing nature of the modulations, the beautiful melody and neatness with which it comts to complete expression.

It is a pleasant little sonnet with just enough cadenza effect here and there to give the hearer the impression that it is difficult.

M. W.

MISS CONNOR'S RECITAL.

One Friday evening in March we all adjourned to the Assembly Hall to listen to a Recital by the violin students.

Miss Connor of the Canadian Conservatory of Music and some of her pupils were giving a little entertainment. Most of those who took part were strangers to us except one of our number who played in an exquisitly rendered quartette.

L. G.

SYMPHONY CONCERT.

The annual Symphony Concert, which is given in connection with the Canadian Conservatory of Music took place in the Russell Theatre on January 19th, The orchestra is conducted by Mr. Donald Heins, one of Ottawa's best musicians. This is particularly a fine orchestra of about fifty instruments, chiefly vilions.

The concert was indeed superior this year, there being about 10 numbers on the programme. All were tastefully rendered and received deserved applause.

Besides the selections given by the orchestra, several very delightful vocal solos were given by Miss Patrick. Misses Jolliffe and Gauthier gave selections on the violins. These were very fine and well received. The Piano Concerto by Miss Devlin and orchestra was an exceedingly difficult number and the gem of the evening. The evening closed with "God Save the King."

This was indeed a very successful concert and the orchestra and conductor deserve great praise. Although this orchestra is only amateur it is very fine and, perhaps, in the near future, its name, let us hope, will be spread far and wide.

G. S.

An Organ Recital was given in Knox Church on March 2nd by Mr. Clarence Eddy. Mr. Eddy is an eminent American organist and is undoubtedly one of the greatest living. He gave about ten selections and all were exceedingly fine. He is master of the instrument, and his technical powers are beyond criticism.

About thirty of our number attended this recital and were every one thoroughly satisfied with it.

During the winter, numerous recitals have been given by the pupils of the following: Misses Berry, Story, Lane, G. Bourne, Connor and E. Bourne.

The songs, "Sing Me to Sleep," "O Promise me," "Spring is coming," "Tatters," etc., are the order of the day in the vocal departments of our College.

1ST GIRL,—"J—— had the night mare last night. She got up and dressed and before I knew it she was out of the room and off."

2ND GIRL,—"Good! where did she go?"

1ST GIRL,—"Where? why, down Albert to Metcalfe, along Metcalfe to Maria, along Maria to Bay and home of course."

HIS LITTLE EASTER PLAN.

A country parson went to preach in an old remote parish one Sunday when the aged sexton in taking him to the place, insinuatingly said: "I hope your riverence won't mind preachin' from the chancel; ye see it is a quiet place and I've got a duck settin' on fourteen eggs in the pulpit."

Who wrote the most, Dickens, Warren or Bulwer?

Warren wrote "Now and Then," Bulwer wrote "Night and Morning," Dickens wrote "The Year Round."

EDITOR,—"Where is the other one?"

JOKE WRITER,—"There ain't any other."

EDITOR,—"Why, I thought Noah took two of each kind into the Ark."

Calendar of Events.

Dec. 19—Day pupils "At Home."
" 21—Home Sweet Home.
Jan. 12—Opening of Parliament.
" 14—Snow-shoe tramp.
" 20—Snow-shoe tramp given by May Queen and Councillors.
" 21—An evening at the Rink.
" 26—Symphony Concert.
" 27—Dr. Drummond's Recital.
" 28—Dr. Ami's lecture on the Geological History of Ottawa.
" 30—Lecture in St. Andrews' Hall on Charles Dickens.
Feb. 3—Visit to House of Commons.
" 4—Snow-shoe tramp.
" 10—Mrs. Needham's reception.
" 13—Lecture on Rome and Venice by Rev. Orr Bennett, M. A.
" 14—An evening at the rink.
" 17—Miss Connors' Recital.
" 20—Pittsburg Orchestra at the Russell Theatre.
" 21—Principal Gordon, address to the College students.
" 24—"At Home" given by May Queen and Councillors.
Mar. 2—Organ Recital, in Knox Church.
" 4—Lecture on Physical culture by Mr. McFadden, New York. Snow-shoe tramp to Beaver Meadow.
" 6—Ysaye, Russell Theatre.
" 10—The rink.
" 11—Visit to Experimental Farm.
" 13—Sleigh ride.
" 16—"Shamrock Luncheon."
" 24—Debate in II Senior.
" 27—Miss Bourne's Recital.
" 31—Mr. Salton's Lecture on Masterpieces of art.—Illustrated.
April 1—An evening at Miss Gallups.
" 8—Recital in Lauder Hall by Harry Field.
" 13—2nd Symphony Concert by Conservatory Orchestra.

A work that goes on quietly and thoroughly is the Domestic Science plain sewing department. Miss Middleton has enthusiastic classes and the sewing machine is seldom idle.

Voices of the Spring.

Does not the spring sing a clear song of the divine faithfulness? Every spring is with God the keeping of covenant. "And the Lord said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; while the earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." That is the general promise, and how true He is in the keeping of it! He is, as it were, conducting an argument as to His own fidelity. The argument is increscent and cumulative. It grows in length and strength year by year. The green fields to-day make it stronger than ever it was before. "Great is his faithfulness." The lengthening days are telling it, the birds are singing it, the flowers are blooming it, the whole world is quick with it and t breathes abroad in the balmy air.

ED.

OUR ART ROOM.

ART.

The study of Art as all her pupils know, opens our eyes to the hitherto unseen beauties of nature. For instance the form or character of a leafless tree excites admiration in an artist; in a stranger to nature, nothing but a feeling of melancholy.

Before taking up such branches of art as drawing and painting, a sun-set, whilst admired is not appreciated to at all the same extent as after studying the different colors and also the different values of light and shade; such a sun-set as is so frequently seen from Major Hill Park, by the residents of Ottawa, now gives a degree of pleasure of which I never dreamed. The painting of some of these beautiful sunsets, when the weather permits, may be attempted by some of the pupils, but for the present we will have to content ourselves with the "still life" studies put up in the Art Room, and, by the way, these same studies seem to be regarded with interest by others than the art pupils,—an interest which is perhaps not fully appreciated by the same students.

"My! I wonder where those nuts have disappeared, I put up a notice "do not touch", but all to no avail, the nuts have disappeared and that means I have to secure more and rearrange the study before the pupils come to-day," said Miss Curry.

Some one evidently had thought that they were not needed as they seemed to be lying as if carelessly thrown down and forgotten; but even studies may be composed of fruit, flowers, etc., arranged in a seemingly careless manner. There is a study being painted now which represents a lighted candle by which is lying an open book, a pair of spectacles, and a half finished stocking, as if some dear grand-mother had for a moment abandoned her work.

We are all longing for the time when we shall be able to take our art materials and make sketches of the many beautiful little bits of nature in and around Ottawa and carry home with us, scenes that will remind us of our study in the dear old Art Room. A. N.

FRANCIS WEST.

Canada as an Art field offers very enticing opportunities to those artists who have a chance to study it's many beauties.

Among those who have found new branches for study in this fair land of ours, Mr. Francis West ranks high as a student of Indian life.

Mr. West makes his home in the new and rising city of Sault Ste. Marie, but only for a short period of the year is he to be found there.

During the winter of 1902, Mr. West, with his wife, made a tour of Upper Canada, reaching latitudes never before visited by artists. He was well known among the Indians and so was given many opportunities for study which would not have revealed themselves to a foreigner.

Mr. West works mainly on Indians and their mode of life. Many beautiful little scenes have been executed by him on birch bark. "The Vista of the River," a small, but wonderfully pleasing picture of nature, is worked out in browns on birch bark, and a mounting of grey birch completes a unique picture.

In the summer, Mr. West makes his home at Deborah, where the play "Hiawatha" is given by the Ojibway Indians. Here he has a chance to study them more at his ease than when living in the smoky wigwams of the North; he also takes part in the play. At one part of the performance it is necessary to jump from a high rock, and as some superstition prevents the Indians doing this, Mr. West takes the part of an Indian and displays wonderful dexterity in diving and jumping into a canoe from the water.

In 1904 Mr. West was asked to build a miniature war-canoe, such as the Indians in the far North use. His success in this undertaking gained him the congratulations of many hundreds at St. Louis.

We hope that Mr. West may continue to give us many a glimpse into life among the Indians of the North, as well as the charming works which he shows of a more usual character.

E. J. K.

The Scholar.

My days among the dead are past,
Around me I behold,
Where'er these casual eyes are cast,
The mighty minds of old:
My never-failing friends are they,
With whom I converse day by day.

With them I take delight in weal
And seek relief in woe,
And while I understand and feel
How much to them I owe,
My cheeks have often been bedew'd
With tears of thoughtful gratitude.

My thoughts are with the dead, with them
I live in long past years,
Their virtues love, their faults condemn,
Partake their hopes and fears,
And from their lesson seek and find
Instruction with an humble mind.

TEACHER,—"What is space?"

STUDENT,—"I can't think at present, but I have it in my head."

You can always tell a Freshette by the way she runs when the bell rings.

MISS WISDOM TO DAY GIRL,—"Marion were you absent all day Friday Morning?"

The only walk approved of by the Walk Committee is down one side of Sparks street, up the other.

MAIN BUILDING, PARLIAMENT HILL

SPORTS.

THE SLEIGH DRIVE.

When first the news was whispered around the College that there was going to be a sleigh drive, every girl you met would ask, "Are you going to the sleigh drive?" and of course the answer was in the affirmative.

We were told at the tea table that the sleighs would be here at half past seven and that the bell would ring. But long before the bell rang nearly all the girls were out and nicely seated in the sleighs. When all was ready we started for our evening's fun. In one sleigh we were Boyd by Airth and in the other Bourne by Wisdom, but before we went very far one of the horses grew tired drawing college girls and gave it up, so we stood in the middle of one of the prominent streets while the driver procured another horse. After everything was once more in order we started for the country.

All the way out and in we did nothing but sing and play our musical instruments, which consisted of horns and bells, not all of one tone, to the accompaniment of our own sweet voices. Our principal song was:

A. B. C.
Who are we
We are the girls
Of the O. L. C.

Coming in Concession Street our fun was suddenly brought to an end by the front sleigh upsetting; no one was seriously hurt. The sleigh was straightened and we started again, still singing.

When we came to the gate the girls in the back sleigh gave three cheers for their driver, because he had not upset them. Reaching the Library, we found a nice bright fire in the grate and refreshments waiting for us to which we did ample justice.

SNOW SHOE CLUB

BASKET BALL.

Although outdoor sports such as, skieing, skating, tobogganing and snowshoeing have been greatly participated in by the O. L. C. girls, still the day pupils have not forgotten how to play a game of Basket Ball and enjoy it too.

Since the Autumn the team has not been able to play on the lawn, so, rather than giving up the idea of playing at all during the winter months, the practices have been held at the Y. W. C. A. Hall every Wednesday from 3.30 to 4.30. Although they have had such few practices, the team seems to be flourishing. Miss Bennett deserves unutterable thanks for so kindly giving her time and acting as referee. All are assured that if it had not been for her kind attention, none of the team would understand the game so thoroughly as they do.

But hurrah girls! for signs of green grass are appearing, and the lawn will soon be in good condition to play on again and then it will be studded with white sweaters. Before closing we must express our sincere sympathy to our Captain on hearing of the accident which befell her, and hope that she has not sustained any serious injuries from it.

A. C. M.

SNOW SHOE TRAMPS.

The Snow Shoe Club of the College has had quite a number of pleasant tramps this winter, going to different parts of the surrounding country,—sometimes out the Drive Way, again to Beaver Meadow but more often to Rockcliffe.

I will describe one of the most pleasant Saturday afternoons spent enjoying this sport. Miss Boyd very kindly volunteered to take the girls, so accompanied with Miss Wisdom, the Misses Mathierson, Perkins, Mitchell, Baird and Graham started from the college to tramp to Rockcliffe, a distance of 3 miles. On the way Miss Wisdom bought a pair of snowshoes, alas! they were very small but they had to do. When we reached King Edward Street all the little boys and girls were out watching us. We put on our snowshoes then and proceeded down the Drive Way. All the little boys followed shouting and talking to us in French. The only way we could constrain them to leave off pursuit was in throwing candies along the snow. While they were looking for the candies Estelle had her camera and took a number of views of the artistic group. One especially was good, where we were all sitting on a fence with our snow shoes standing on end.

We tramped over the little hills at Rockcliffe till we came where the skiers were in their glory, sliding down a great hill. By the time we tramped back to the car we were all rather tired. We reached the College just in time to prepare for tea, which was temptingly waiting for us. After tea some of the girls, not satisfied with tramping all afternoon, went out to our rink and skated for about an hour. Next morning every one looked and felt very tired but would not have forsaken the pleasures of Saturday afternoon with all it's pains.

M. E. G.

EASTER.

Easter is the annual festival observed throughtout the christian world to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The word Easter means rising and is derived from the Anglo-Saxon Eastre, the German being Ostern. Thus, like the names of the days of the week, it is a survival of the old Teutonic Mythology.

The Anglo-Saxons dedicated the fourth month, corresponding to our April,—therefore called Eostermonath—to the goddess of light and spring, Eostre or Ostâra. This month is supposed to be the same as "Mensés Paschalis" when the Feast of the Passover was celebrated, and which, afterwards became our Easter. No trace of the celebration of Easter as a christian festival is found in the New Testament or in the writings of the apostolic fathers. It is thought that the festival was introduced into the church by the perpetuation of an old usage. Easter is only mentioned once in the Bible. "Intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people." But this shows no connection with a festival unless the Feast of the Passover.

Most of our popular observances are of pagan origin. Hot cross buns (bouns) were the sacred cakes offered to the gods especially to the goddess Ostâra at the festival dedicated to her. Later on they were marked with a cross to comemorate the Crucifixion. In olden times the night before Easter was called Easter Eve. The men, women and children marched through the streets carrying lighted tapers. All the candles were lighted in the cathedrals and worship was carried far into the night. In Russia, candles are still used to illuminate the churches, not only at Easter, but through all the year. Russian people also hold Easter a favorite time for christening.

Our most characteristic Easter rite is the use of Pasch eggs, which symbolized the renewal of life and nature. The Magians or Persians colored the eggs red in illusion to the blood of their redemption and presented them to their friends. Thus Easter gifts started.

G. H. C.

The hare has always been considered a sign of good luck, but it is difficult to find just how it first became associated with Easter and Easter eggs.

The hiding of colored eggs from children who are sent to search for them is an old German custom.

In Canada the eggs are generally concealed about the house, but, in Germany, they are hidden outdoors in hedges, etc., and the children told that the hares place them there.

Y. W. C. A.

We live for those, who love us,
For those who know us true,
For the heaven that smiles above us
And the good that we can do.

Dr. McKellar's talk

On the morning of March the ninth at our regular opening service, we had the pleasure of having Dr. McKellar of Neemuch, India, with us, and of listening to such an interesting talk about her work as missionary in the East. She told us of many starving little waifs they had been permitted to gather into their hospital, and care for, many of whom, through such care, survived the terrible famine, and are now very bright scholars, and so eager to learn. The one we all seemed the most interested in, was Miss McKellar's little adopted son Johnie, who, from his foster-mother's account, seems happiest when devouring such delicacies as linseed poultices. It was the first time we had heard of applying such a thing internally. The girls have not forgotten these little ones who need so much, for many are the pennies that drop into little boxes provided for the purpose of contributing to the support of one of the Famine orphans. We hope the "dropping of the pennies" will not cease, even though it would show an increased feeling of charity among the girls in thought as well as in deed. Still, the contents of the boxes may be of benefit to some one and show that out of evil, good has come.

M. I. J.

The wonderful movements of the Welsh revival conducted largely through Evan Roberts, are watched closely by our students. Extracts from time to time are read to us by our principal.

One aim is to try and help each other onward in the Christian life, by precept as well as by example.

In college life, there is much to contend with, if we try to lead a true unselfish christian life. Our companions come from all parts of the Dominion, naturally bearing with them different traits in character, and so causing us to be on our guard to meet little touches of temper and selfishness which may occur; that we may be able to meet such in a christian way, we must have a true christian spirit.

The topics we have been studying since Christmas, are :

The Making of a Christian ; Love Winning; Servants like Christ; Glorifying God in our homes ; Christ, our Healer ; Christ, the Great Physician ; Christian Nourishment.

They have each been set forth in a very helpful way by the different leaders and their assistants.

Our hymns are always bright and cheery, something in harmony with the subject. The missionary topic has been taken up the first Sabbath of each month by the Missionary Committee. We are still following the life of "MacKay of Formosa," and find it thrilling as the different hardships of his life are brought before us, and also the patient endurance with which he bore everything.

Our aim for the coming months might be summed up in the following :

"I shall pass through this world but once, any good thing, therefore that I can do, or any kindness I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer it or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

We were very pleased in the early part of the term to be favored with a visit from Miss Little the travelling secretary of the Y. W. C. A. in Canada.

Our Young People's Society has decided to maintain a Famine Orphan in India. Our method is very simple in form, but perhaps difficult in practice—at all events the discipline is good for us:—Each girl has a mite box and when our tempers would seem to control us, or evil thoughts suggest themselves we must drop in a cent.

H. M. D.

Mrs. Needham gave a very thoughtful and profitable address last week to the young ladies on six famous women, bringing out the noble qualities of each and how much better we could be by emulating certain qualities of these heroic women—viz: Queen Esther, Mrs. Geddie, Mrs. Paton, Florence Nightingale, Pundita Ramabai, Mary of Bethany.

They met by chance,
  They never met before,
They only met that once,
  And she was smitten sore.

They never met again,
  Don't want to, I avow,
They only met that once
  A freight train and a cow.

THE O. L. C. MASCOT.
HOWARD EDWARD SCARF, AGED 6 MONTHS.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

Coming to College with the firm determination for work—hard work, we, nevertheless look forward, more or less, to certain pleasures, seemingly a necessity to real college life. And they are truly a necessity for what a dull girl Jill would be without play! An education in the full sense, does not mean knowledge obtained solely from books or observations. Amusements introduced into our life here, are not mere idle pastimes to break a vigorous routine, but are part of an education rounding out, the purpose for which we come to school. Our social life must be developed, and it is just as necessary to learn to appreciate the pleasures of life as it is to read and write. We are not disappointed in our expectations for many and various are the amusements provided us. Many a delightful hour have we spent together. and every girl knows, that in after life, it will be the little pleasant things she will remember of her school life, not the trivial troubles and worries. Then, let us with a healthy fervor "work while we work and play while we play."

A Reception tendered to the boarders, by the day-scholars on the evening of December 20th, was a pleasant event. The Assembly Hall, always at its best when filled with

the bright cheery faces of the girls and pretty decorations, was no exception that evening. A committee of day students including the Misses Ruddick, Wylie, Garland and Oliver received the boarders. Games and dancing were the features of the evening. A very pretty incident happened when a tiny girl from the kindergarten department presented the Lady Principal, Mrs. Needham, with a huge bouquet of carnations, as a Xmas token from the day pupils. Refreshments were served in the prettily decorated Library where cosy corners and cheery nooks afforded pleasant chats over the tea cups. At ten we dispersed with the best wishes from our college friends for safe journeys and pleasant holidays.

J. Mc.

On January 27, a unique recital was given in the Normal School by Dr. Drummond of Montreal, from his own poems of the "Habitant." By courtesy of Principal White a number of the O. L. C. girls were present.

A very pleasant entertainment was given by the May Queen and her court February 24th. The hall was prettily decorated and a number of strangers were present, including Norman Lewis, M. P., Dr. McDonald, ex-M.P. Each one invited was asked to represent, in some way, a well known book. Many original and amusing devices were used. This contest was followed by a spelling match from which we mostly all retired sadder and wiser girls. The prizes given for the above were very pretty.

The evening ended with dancing and the singing of the National Anthem.

I. W.

Among the pleasant functions of the year ranks the "At Home," given by Mrs. Needham on Friday, February 10th. The Assembly Hall and the room immediately behind it were joined by unfolding the large doors between, thus making a commodious appartment for the assemblage. The May Queen assisted Mrs. Needham in the Reception Room. From there the guests passed into the Assembly Hall, where they were served with refreshments by the girls.

The prettily decorated hall filled with groups of gaily chatting visitors, was a pleasant sight and the girls will not soon forget the evening.

Mr. Halkett's address.

Almost every Friday afternoon one-half hour is taken up by current events and during that time either a talk on one particular subject or a review of the current events of the day is given.

On February 2nd, we had the pleasure of listening to Mr. Halkett talk about shells. The talk was most interestingly illustrated with specimens and colored diagrams of the shells, and all of these impressed upon us the fact to which we were listening. Among the collection of shells there were specimens from almost every part of the world, some still in the natural state and others were highly polished. Also in size they were varied, for some were quite large and heavy and others were so delicate that they could not be handled at all.

This lecture was particularly interesting as it was the first lecture of the kind given in the college this year.

L. G.

My hopes are with the dead; anon
My place with them will be.
And I with them shall travel on
Through all Futurity:
Yet leaving here a name, I trust,
That will not perish in the dust.

R. SOUTHEY.

Longfellow.

The career of Longfellow is unique in the annals of literature, for during his long and active life he seemed entirely free from the faults that usually mar the character of a man of letters,—never exhibiting jealousy or envy, and preserving always a serenity and amiability which won for him the hearts of all whom he met. His relations with his contemporaries: Holmes, Emerson, Hawthorne, and Lowell, were intimate and hearty; and the society in which he moved was simple, yet charming.

Longfellow was not a profound student of human nature, but he knew mankind in general, especially in their inner life of hope and depression, and in all that makes the delights of home. In his poems on slavery, he gave evidence of his moral convictions and courage for at that time anti-slavery poets and orators were extremely unpopular. The wide and perfect accord of his sympathies made him the poet of the people without losing the regard and respect of the cultivated few.

In his beautiful poem, "Evangeline," which was first published in 1847, he vividly describes that pathetic story of the life-long devotion of Evangeline, an Arcadian maiden, to her lover, Gabriel Lajeunesse of the little village of Grande Pre. In this poem Longfellow shows his art of word painting and his command of figurative language, revealing also his intimate knowledge of the common feeling of humanity when hopeful or depressed, when joyful or sorrowful. This poem seizes upon all hearts, and is probably his most popular one, for it is known and admired by readers of every degree, and is translated into most modern languages.

How important a place Longfellow fills among the world's greatest writers, can be best estimated by considering the void that would be left if "Hiawatha," "Evangeline," "The Voices of the Night" and the long succession of poems should be obliterated from the memory of man. He did not consider himself "one of the grand old masters," but his faculty of delicate and suggestive expression, developed by patient study, gave to his thoughts and sentiments a value for which greater men have striven in vain.

M. G. D.

Personals.

Miss Ethel Dowler called on College friends a short time ago.

Miss Sophia McLennan attended the Masonic Ball, which was given on New Year's Eve., in Lancaster.

We were pleased to see Miss Pearl Worthington, a former May Queen, surprise us by a visit some time ago.

Miss Bertha Farrell spent a few days in Maxville during the Xmas holidays.

Good wishes are extended to Miss Sadie Dent, who was married February 8th, to the Rev. G. McIntyre of Cumberland, Ont.

Miss Allie Martin and Miss Lilias Ahearn have returned as day pupils to the College.

Miss Ethel McRae visited Pembroke friends during January.

Miss Queenie Fluker spent a short time at the College this month.

Miss Maud Tebbutt was visiting Miss Emma Payan of St. Hyacinthe.

Miss Daisy Poole has been visiting her sister in Kingston, lately.

Miss Edna Gillies is travelling with her mother through Mexico and Cuba.

The marriage of Miss Elizabeth McKinnon is announced to take place in June.

Miss Ethel Kerr is teaching music in the Montreal Conservatory of Music.

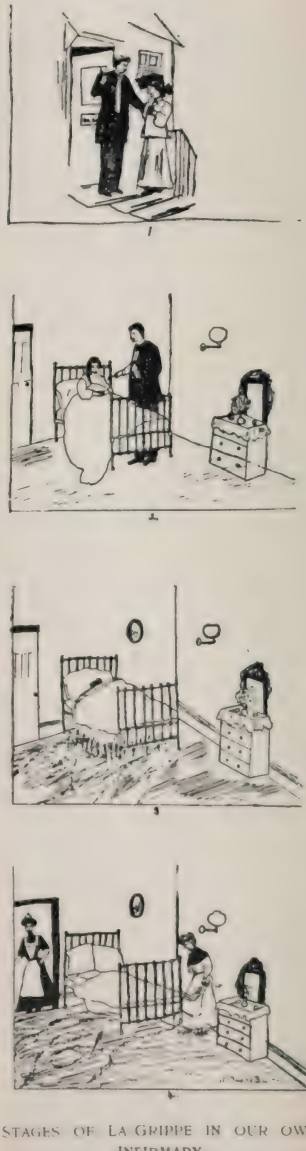
Mrs. Dr. Gunn (nee Daisy McDonald) is visiting Miss Ida Graham of Montreal.

Miss Mina Patterson is in the city at present visiting her sister.

Among some of our February visitors were the Misses Katie Rankin, Bella Craig, Alice Butt, Clara Owen, Jennie Gill and Bertha Wilson. We are always pleased to see former students of the College.

We are sorry to have to include in our paper this term, a death list. Pearl Hodgins, a day pupil, who has been with us only a month, left at Christmas never to come back again. While we had hardly recovered from the shock of this fatality, news came of the serious illness of Laura Adams, of Lunenburg, a pet of all the girls. We waited anxiously for news of her recovery, but in vain. One Sunday in March the news came of her death and one more link was forged to bind us to the new life.

O. M.



STAGES OF LA GRIPPE IN OUR OWN INFIRMARY.

IDLE MOMENTS.

STUDENT (READING),—"Turn to where your lady is, and claim her with a loving kiss."

TEACHER (ABSENTLY),—"Anything strange in that?"

GREEN CADET,—"What would happen if I went to sleep?"

SERGEANT,—"I suppose you'd snore."

WAITRESS, (AT QUICK-LUNCH STAND),—"Do you want to eat this sandwich here or take it with you?"

GENTLEMAN,—"Both."

Every blonde carries her own head light—F. S.

FIRST GIRL,—"What a hub-bub the steam makes clanking through the pipes!"

SECOND GIRL (SHIVERINGLY)—"Yes it reminds me of one of Shakespeare's plays."

FIRST GIRL,—'Which "The Tempest?"

SECOND GIRL,—'No,—"Much ado about nothing."

GIRL (WHO ALWAYS CLINGS TO THE OLD, CHESTNUTS),—"Where was Moses when the light went out?"

ABSENT MINDED STUDENT,—"Plucking corn."

The following epitaph is to be found in a cemetery within seven miles of New York City Hall:

Reader, pass on: don't waste your time,
O'er bad biography and bitter rhyme,
For what I am this crumbling clay immures
And what I was is no affair of yours.

Among the late social events we notice, that Her Majesty, Queen Elise has been out skipping.

RUMINATING GIRL TO DOMESTIC SCIENCE STUDENT,—"Why didn't you have some of that green pie for the St. Patrick's Lunch?"

(Just as last bell for church rings.) Oh dear! I have'nt any collection. Where's my mite box?

What on Airth happened on April 1st?"

EX. PAPER,—Give feminine of Monk. PUPIL,—Monkey.

INSPECTOR,—"Name the greatest battle you can think of."

PUPIL,—"The Water of Battleoo."

H. D.

April, April,
Laugh your girlish laughter,
Then the moment after,
Weep your girlish tears.

April, April,
To whom mine ears
Like a lover greetest,
Could I tell the sweetest
All my hopes and fears.

April, April,
Laugh your golden laughter,
Then the moment after,
Weep your golden tears.

ANON.

"And still they gazed
And still the wonder grew,
That one small head
Could carry all she knew.

MISS BOYD.

"How do you manage to have such fine sheep?" someone asked a successful shepherd. "I give special care to my lambs."

There are three kinds of people in the world—the wills, the won'ts, and the can'ts. The first accomplish everything; the second oppose everything; the third fail in everything. To which class do you belong?

If you know how to spend less than you get, you have the philosopher's stone.

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